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This was the first mine in the Rostovugol' Combine to introduce the cycle system into the entire mine. Hundreds of above-plan tons of coal have been produced.(5) Mines and mine sections of the Shakhtantratsit Trust have also converted to a cycle system and are achieving great success. Workers of Mine imeni Frunze and Petrovka Mine finished a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -day quota in one day.(6)

Voroshilovgradugol' Combine exceeded the 4-month plan for coal output. In comparison with the same period of 1949, coal mining increased 17 percent and labor productivity rose 13 percent. Lisichanskugol' Trust, which has fulfilled the plan 106.1 percent since the beginning of 1950, held first place in the combine competition.(7) Miners of the Mine Administration imeni Voroshilov, Lisichanskugol' Trust, have completed the half-year program for coal mining and development work ahead of schedule. Workers in Mine imeni Krupskaya are already delivering coal on their July quota.(8) Miners of Mine No 6-7 of the Kirovugol' Trust, were the first in the area to complete the half-year plan for coal output and have saved 360,000 above-plan rubles since the beginning of 1950. All its miners are fulfilling or exceeding their quotas.(9)

In the Tula Combine, Mine No 6 of Tovarkovugol' Trust, has completed 10 years of operation. This mine now has heavy cutting machines, heavy scraper conveyers, and electric locomotives; automatic, remote control of machines has also been introduced. Average daily output has increased several times during the past 10 years.(10) Mines No 23 and 21 of the Belokhovugol' Trust, of the same combine, have completed the Five-Year Plan for coal output. Six mines of the trust are already delivering coal above their five-year quotas.(11)

Miners of Moskvougol' Combine completed the 5-month plan for coal output on 29 May. They also fulfilled the 5-month plan for development work and for shipment of coal to consumers. The Krasnoarmeyskugol' and Oktyabr'ugol' trusts as well as several others are already delivering coal in their June quotas.(5)

The Karagandaugol' Combine has completed the 5-month plan for coal output. During 4 months of 1950, mechanized loading of coal in the mines doubled. At 46 mine faces coal is being mined without the assistance of cutting and loading personnel. Almost all mine faces which dip have been converted to a two-shift system of coal mining. Mechanized loading and improved labor organization have freed 2,320 underground workers during the past 3 months, raised the average daily output for the basin as a whole, and decreased production cost of coal.(12)

On 31 May, a meeting was held in the Karagandaugol' Combine to discuss the use of the "Donbass" combine in mines of the basin. A. D. Sukach, Laureate of a Stalin Prize, and designer of the "Donbass" combine, was present and stated that during the year more than 1,500 practical suggestions from the Donbass mines had resulted in considerably improving the design of the "Donbass" combine and adapting it to operate under different mining geological conditions and in coal seams of varying thickness. Consequently, he said, the "Donbass" combine is also being employed extensively in other coal areas of the USSR.(13)

A "Donbass" combine has been operating for more than a year in the fourth section of Kapital'naya Mine in the Kuzbass. Its operator mined 7,500 tons of coal in April and raised the figure to 10,000 tons in May. This represents the greatest productivity of the combine in the Kuzbass.(14)

Miners of Kemerovugol' Combine completed the 5-month program on 28 May. The first to report achievement of the 5-month plan were miners of Anzherougol', Leninugol', and Belovugol' trusts.(5)

Workers in Mine 1-2-bis of Uzbekugol' Trust have completed the 1950 half-year plan for coal output 100.1 percent, the plan for advancing mine working 100.2 percent, and the plan for labor productivity 144 percent. During 4 months the mine saved 1,500,000 rubles above the plan.(15)

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Engineering courses are being arranged at mining and polytechnical institutes to prepare qualified personnel for the coal industry. Such courses will be offered in the new school year at the Moscow Mining Institute imeni I. V. Stalin.(16)

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